



GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES Office of the Solicitor General (OSG)

FY 2021 Budget Request At A Glance	
FY 2020 Enacted:	\$12.2 million (48 positions; 23 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$1.2 million
Program Changes:	+\$111,000
FY 2021 Budget Request:	\$13.6 million (49 positions; 23 attorneys)
Change From FY 2020 Enacted:	+\$1.3 million (+10.9%) (+1 position)

Mission:

The mission of the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) is to conduct all litigation on behalf of the United States and its agencies in the Supreme Court of the United States, to approve decisions to appeal and seek further review in cases involving the United States in the lower federal courts, and to supervise the handling of litigation in the federal appellate courts.

Organization:

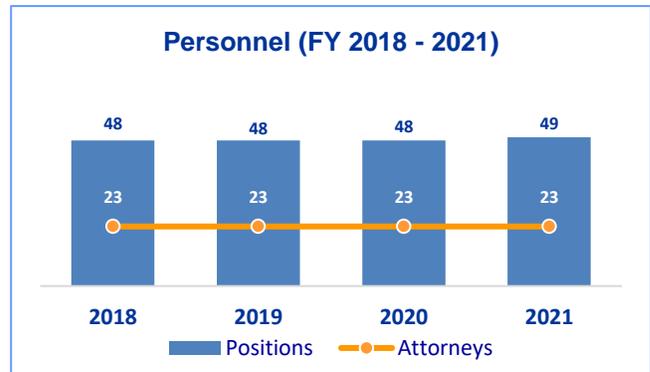
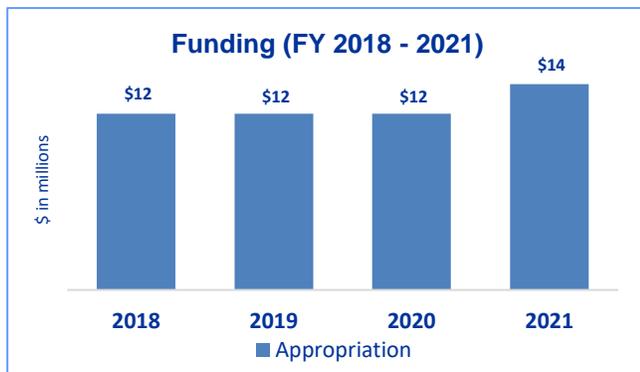
The OSG is headed by the Solicitor General, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. Within the attorney staff, 16 career staff attorneys work with career Deputy Solicitors General, the Principal Deputy Solicitor General, and the Solicitor General to prepare oral arguments, Supreme Court briefs, and other related legal materials. The 28 support positions are organized into three sections that include the Executive Office, Case Management and Research and Publications.

Resources:

The FY 2021 budget request for the OSG totals \$13.6 million, which is a 10.9 percent increase over the FY 2020 Enacted.

Personnel:

The OSG's direct authorized positions for FY 2021 total 49 positions, including an increase of 1 positions over the FY 2020 Enacted of 48 direct authorized positions.



FY 2021 Strategy:

In recent years, immigration, health care, constitutional, and criminal cases have been at the heart of the Supreme Court's caseload. For example, with respect to criminal cases, the Supreme Court decided in its current term whether state and federal authorities can continue to successively prosecute individuals for the same criminal offenses; whether it is constitutional for Congress to prescribe mandatory terms of imprisonment for supervised release offenses; and whether Congress may authorize the Attorney General to promulgate regulations delimiting the applicability of statutory requirements backed by criminal penalties. These cases require a substantial devotion of energy in order to understand the intricate statutory, constitutional, and historical context and to assimilate the wide range of views both inside and outside government as to the proper balance of interests in these cases.

FY 2021 Program Changes:

Bristow Fellow: \$111,000 and 1 position

The OSG employs law clerks, paralegals, and legal assistants to provide legal support for its heavy and growing workload. Although the OSG attorneys assume ultimate responsibility for legal work, they rely heavily on those legal support resources. As with any law office, these resources are essential in ensuring the OSG's ability to successfully and effectively manage its workload. A program increase of one position (1 FTE and \$110,686) to fund an additional Bristow Fellow is requested to assist in supporting the OSG's caseload. Current services for this initiative are \$13.5 million and 48 positions (23 attorneys).

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of the Solicitor General		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
2019 Appropriation	48	44	11,828
2020 Enacted	48	44	12,250
2021 Request	49	45	13,585
Change 2021 from 2020 Enacted	1	1	1,335
Technical Adjustments			
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	0
Base Adjustments			
Pay & Benefits	0	0	506
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	461
Other Adjustments	0	0	257
Total Base Adjustments	0	0	1,224
2021 Current Services	48	44	13,474
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Bristow Fellow	1	1	111
Subtotal, Program Increases	1	1	111
Decreases:			
Subtotal, Program Decreases	0	0	0
Total Program Changes	1	1	111
2021 Request	49	45	13,585

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Comparison by activity and program	2020 Enacted			2021 Current Services		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	48	44	12,250	48	44	13,474
Total	48	44	12,250	48	44	13,474

Comparison by activity and program	2021 Total Program Changes			2021 Request		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Federal Appellate Activity	1	1	111	49	45	13,585
Total	1	1	111	49	45	13,585